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Serial No. 09/386,745	Filing Date August 31, 1999	Examiner Ramos V. Perez	Group Art Unit 1765
Inventor(s) Cangshan Xu, et al.			
Title of Invention WINDOWLESS BELT AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED IN-SITU WAFER MONITORING			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of the Office Action dated January 17, 2001, Applicants elect with traverse Group I (claims 1-7). This election is made with traverse as the claims of both groups may be efficiently searched together.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seeks early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application

in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorneys at (312) 321-4200.

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